

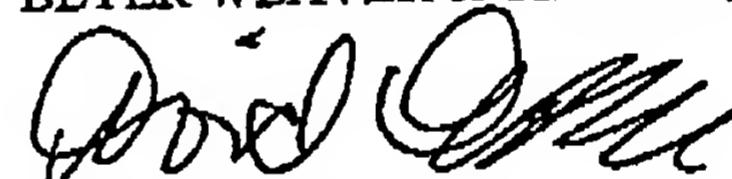
REMARKS

Claims 1-53 remain in the application. Claims 1-53 are allowed. Applicant respectfully thanks the Examiner for the allowed subject material. Claims 1, 4, 5, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 24, 27, 31, 33, 37, 39, 44, 45, 47, 48 and 53 have been amended. Claims 1, 4, 5, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 24, 27, 31, 33, 37, 39, 44, 45, 47, 48 and 53 have been amended to correct minor errors and for the purposes of clarification.

Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to consider entering the amendments to claim 1, 4, 5, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 24, 27, 31, 33, 37, 39, 44, 45, 47, 48 and 53. If the Examiner does not find these amendments acceptable for entry, Applicant respectfully asks the Examiner to call the Applicant.

Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the undersigned can be reached at the telephone number set out below.

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